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TAGS: CASC, OREP (PERCY, CHARLES H.), US, MZ

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF MISSIONARIES AND SENATOR PERCY LETTER
TO PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. WELL DONE.

2. MILAM AND FRIBERG ARRIVED NYC AS SCHEDULED APRIL 29,
WERE REUNITED WITH FAMILIES AND DEPARTED WITH THEM FOR
THEIR HOMES. DR. JOHNSON OF NAZARENE CHURCH WAS ALSO
PRESENT. ONLY ONE WIRE SERVICE CORRESPONDENT SHOWED
INTEREST, AND JOHNSON PLAYED MATTER IN VERY LOW KEY. HE
AND RETURNEES FULLY AWARE OF NEED FOR CAUTION SO AS NOT
TO JEOPARDIZE DOLL'S PROSPECTS.

3. IN VIEW THESE DEVELOPMENTS, DEPT IS NOT, OF COURSE,
FORWARDING TO MISSIONARIES' WIVES APRIL 15 LETTER FROM
AMBASSADOR, WHICH ARRIVED HERE APRIL 27, JUST AS RELEASE
OF MISSIONARIES WAS REPORTED. UNDERSTAND FRIBERG CARRIED
NEW LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO MRS. DOLL.

4. RE SENATOR PERCY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT MACHEL (MAPUTO
438), PETER POOLE INFORMS IT WAS MAILED TO AMBASSADOR--
NOT DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT--FROM JOHANNESBURG A WEEK AGO.
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POOLE AGREED LETTER AS WRITTEN SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE

DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT. SAID SENATOR WILL WRITE TWO
ADDITIONAL, ALTERNATIVE LETTERS TO MACHEL. ONE WILL
CONTAIN EXPRESSION OF SENATOR'S SATISFACTION AT RELEASE
OF ALL THREE MISSIONARIES. OTHER WILL CONTAIN EXPRES-
SION OF SATISFACTION AT RELEASE OF MILAM AND FRIBERG AND
HOPE FOR EARLY RELEASE OF DOLL. AMBASSADOR COULD THEN
FORWARD TO PRESIDENT WHICHEVER APPROPRIATE AT TIME OF
RECEIPT. SISCO

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